



Cedar Park Municipal Court Teen Court

Teen Attorney Job Descriptions

Requirements:

- Volunteers must be age 13-17 with parental consent
- Have reliable transportation to and from Teen Court in order to be in attendance on scheduled court dates and on time
- Be in satisfactory academic standing
- Respect the Oath of Confidentiality and Dress Code
- Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- Complete an attorney training session

Attorney Roles:

Attorneys **will stand** when the Judge enters and leaves the courtroom as well as when the jury enters and leaves the courtroom as a sign of respect

Defense Attorney: Serves as an advocate for the client. The client should be presented by the defense in the best possible way.

Responsibilities:

- Meet with the defendant and prepare his/her case and familiarize the defendant with court procedures.
- Make an opening statement, question the defendant and witnesses and make closing arguments.
- Stress that the defendant must remain true to the facts.

Prosecuting Attorney: Is responsible for seeking justice, not simply advocating for the highest possible sentence.

Responsibilities:

- The prosecutor will prepare for the case.
- The prosecutor will be provided with facts regarding the particular case to be heard. (NOTE: In Teen Court each defendant has entered a plea of guilty or no contest; therefore, Teen Court juries decide the "sentence," not innocence or guilt).
- The prosecutor will make an opening statement, will question the defendant and any witnesses, and make a closing argument to the jury.

Dress Code:

Remember, you are the leaders in the court room! It is important to be professional in your actions and your dress. Cell phones, beepers, hats, smoking and gum chewing are not allowed in the courtroom.

Males: Dress slacks with a belt (No cargo pants or jeans)
Dress shirt tucked in with tie
No sandals, flip flops or tennis shoes

Females: Dress, skirt, slacks, blouse or business casual shirt
No exposed shoulders, cleavage or stomachs please
No sandals, flip flops or open toed shoes